



PINECREST ACADEMY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please provide any data as to overcrowding in the zip code where PINECREST is proposing to locate.

Pinecrest is proposing to open a charter school in the Spanish Springs area. The below schools are currently located in or near the designated region. Their capacity percentages are included for reference.

Beasley ES – currently at 91% of capacity

Hall ES – currently at 76% of capacity

Sepulveda ES – currently at 106% of capacity, will be relieved by new Bohach ES

Spanish Springs ES – currently at 105% of capacity, will be relieved by new Bohach ES

Taylor ES – currently at 105% of capacity, will be relieved by a rezone to Hall ES to go into effect for the 2020/21 school year

Van Gorder ES – currently at 103% of capacity, will be relieved by new Bohach ES

Shaw MS – currently at 78% of capacity

Sky Ranch MS – currently at 96% of capacity

Does the School District's Capital Improvement Plan include any plans to add new schools or add additional capacity to existing schools within the community in which the applicant proposes to locate?

WCSD's Capital Improvement Plan has already initiated resolutions for the over-crowded schools in the Spanish Springs region. Those projects have already been completed, are underway, or slated to begin in the near future. They are as follows:

2019-2020 SY: WCSD just opened Sky Ranch MS (Grades 6th-8th grades)

2020-2021 SY: Bohach ES (Grades K-5) will address the overcrowding for Sepulveda ES & Spanish Springs ES.

2020-2021 SY: Taylor ES overcrowding will be resolved with the anticipated rezoning. Students impacted by the rezoning will attend Jesse Hall ES.

2021-2026 Planning: There is an additional elementary school (K-5th grades) that is planned for this area. (timing and location will depend on development/enrollment patterns) This project has been embedded in the Capital Improvement Plan for WCSD.



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As you know, the SPCSA approved the Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment on July 26, 2019. Our staff and board will be evaluating the degree to which the applicant aligns with the identified needs. Please provide any input as to how this applicant does or does not meet identified needs in the community. If district staff or Board of Trustees has had prior communications with this applicant, please provide any relevant information or details from that communication that might be useful to the SPCSA in making an informed decision regarding the application.

The performance trends for the schools located within the designated region of the potential charter school is as follows:

SCHOOL	18-19 SY NSPF Rating	Sub Group Population/Demographics
<i>Beasley ES</i>	3 Stars	FRL: 24% ELL: 5% IEP: 18% White: 61% Hispanic: 23% Other: 16%
<i>Hall ES</i>	3 Stars	FRL: 28% ELL: 4% IEP: 14% White: 59% Hispanic: 20% Other: 31%
<i>Sepulveda ES</i>	3 Stars	FRL: 28% ELL: 13% IEP: 12% White: 47% Hispanic: 34% Other: 29%
<i>Spanish Springs ES</i>	4 Stars	FRL: 14% ELL: 4% IEP: 13% White: 68% Hispanic: 18% Other: 14%
<i>Taylor ES</i>	5 Stars	FRL: 22% ELL: 2% IEP: 13% White: 70% Hispanic: 17%



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		Other: 13%
<i>Van Gorder ES</i>	5 Stars	FRL: 13% ELL: 4% IEP: 15% White: 67% Hispanic: 16% Other: 17%
<i>Shaw MS</i>	3 Stars	FRL: 18% ELL: 3% IEP: 14% White: 64% Hispanic: 21% Other: 15%
<i>Sky Ranch</i>	Not Yet Rated/Opened 18-19	FRL: NA ELL: NA IEP: NA White: NA Hispanic: NA Other: NA
<i>Spanish Springs HS</i>	3 Stars	FRL: 25% ELL: 8% IEP: 11% White: 52% Hispanic: 37% Other: 11%

This region of WCSD is considered a suburban-area of the county. The performance data for the schools in this region show a steady, positive trend in performance. The sub group populations within this region are predominantly White, with very small sub-group populations. The at-risk required indicator, as referenced in the SPCSA Charter Needs analysis and application does not match the demographics of this region of the Washoe County community.

Are there currently any schools providing a similar educational model in the community in which the applicant proposes to locate? If yes, please provide any relevant information on the current school(s) with similar educational models that are available to students in the community.

Pinecrest Application states their mission is to unite the community to “prepare students for college and career.” That mission is almost identical to the mission of Washoe County School District. There is concern the charter school would not be providing a unique niche to the community, independent of WCSD.



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The application references STEAM education; based on other Academica models, but this is not a NEW educational approach or unique niche, as many of the schools in this targeted area of the community already utilize a STEAM educational approach.

Is there any other additional information you wish to provide?

None at this time.